

CITY OF COVINGTON

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February 2, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics P.O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re: City of Covington - Request for Opinion

Dear Sir or Madam:

One of our Council at Large members, Larry Rolling, is an employee of Action Screen Printers, which is a business with a Covington address but located in unincorporated St. Tammany Parish and not within the city limits of Covington. The business produces and sells logo merchandise.

It should be noted that Councilman Rolling is only an employee of Action Screen Printers. He does not own any part of the business; he is not a stockholder/shareholder; and he is not a commission sales person.

Councilman Rolling was sworn into office on July 1, 2019 as Councilman at Large for the City of Covington.

In order to comply with the ethics laws of Louisiana, we respectfully request opinions from your office on the following items:

1. Is it permissible for Councilman Rolling's employer, Action Screen Printers, to sell products on which the City logo is imprinted to the City of Covington and paid for with City of Covington funds?

- 2. Is it permissible for Councilman Rolling's employer, Action Screen Printers, to sell products on which the City logo is imprinted to other individuals other than the City?
- 3. Is it permissible for Councilman Rolling's employer, Action Screen Printers, to sell products on which the City logo is imprinted to a City employee and can the City employee pay for the products with his personal funds?
- 4. Is it permissible for Councilman Rolling's employer, Action Screen Printers, to sell products on which the City logo is imprinted to a City employee and can the City employee pay for the products with his personal funds but then request to be reimbursed by the City?
- 5. Since Councilman Rolling's employer, Action Screen Printers, does contract work and sells to other vendors, if the other vendors bring in items to be imprinted with the City logo and that company is contracted with the City, is it permissible for his company to do the work?

If you need any other information, please contact the Council office at (985) 898-4722 or Councilman Rolling at (985) 502-8586.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Bonnie D. Champagne

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Council Clerk

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